IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading image information including character data including a phone number recorded in a recording medium;

recognizing means for recognizing the character data in the image information read by said reading means;

registering means for registering the character data recognized by said recognizing means;

searching means for searching the character data registered in said registering means for a desired phone number;

display means for displaying a plurality of the phone numbers searched by said searching means, the image information read by said reading means and the character date recognized by said recognizing means;

selecting means for selecting one of the plurality of the phone numbers; [and]

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control means for performing communication processing on the basis of the one phone number selected by said selecting means; and

storage means for storing a document to be transmitted,

wherein said control means performs control of transmitting the document to be transmitted stored in said storage means on the basis of the phone number searched for by said searching means.

4. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading image information including character data including a phone number recorded in a recording medium;

recognizing means for recognizing the character data in the image information read by said reading means;

registering means for registering the character data recognized by said recognizing means;

searching means for searching the character data registered in said registering means for a desired phone number;

display means for displaying a plurality of the phone numbers searched by said searching means and [display means] for displaying the character data registered

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in said registering means in accordance with a type of the character data;

selecting means for selecting one of the plurality of the phone numbers;

control means for performing communication processing on the basis of the one phone number selected by said selecting means; [and]

means for correcting and changing the character data displayed on said display means; and

storage means for storing a document to be transmitted,

wherein said control means performs control of transmitting the document to be transmitted stored in said storage means on the basis of the phone number searched for by said searching means.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-17 are in this application, Claims 1, 4 and 6 being in independent form. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 6 and 15-17 are allowed.

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